

Application Number 10/606,041
Amendment dated August 18, 2005
Responsive to Office Action mailed May 25, 2005

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 25, 2005. Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 16, 19 and 20; and canceled claims 2, 8-15 and 17-18. Claims 1, 3-7, 16, 19 and 20 are now pending.

Claims 8-15 were previously withdrawn as being directed to a restricted invention. Restricted claims 8-15 are now canceled.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by King (US 5,121,280) and rejected claims 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over King in view of Yada (US 5,828,510).

The Examiner objected to claims 2-7 and 18-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2, which the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Applicant has also amended claim 16 to include the limitations formerly recited in claim 18 and intervening claim 17. Applicant has also amended claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 19, and 20 to be in independent form.

For the record, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections of former claims 1, 16 and 17, and reserves the right to present these claims in one or more continuation applications. Nevertheless, in the interest of advancing the application to immediate allowance, Applicant has amended all pending claims to recite the allowable subject matter identified by the Examiner.

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Accordingly, all claims in this application are now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 09-0069. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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